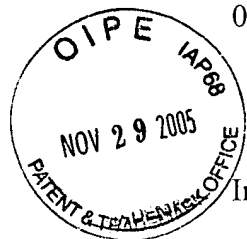


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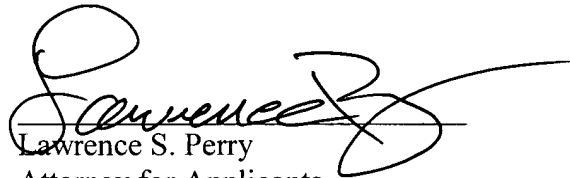
Sir:

Upon a routine status check of the above-identified patent application, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that we have not received any official action.

Since this application was filed nearly two years ago, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested promptly to indicate to the undersigned when action on the merits will be taken.

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